

ABSTRACT

A coin bank includes a housing having a coin receiving area for receiving unsorted coins, a coin sorting area for sorting the unsorted coins, and a coin storage area for storing sorted coins. The coin storage area includes a drawer slidably mounted in the housing. It can also include a coin tube support mounted in the drawer for movement between an inclined position when the drawer is fully retracted in the housing and an upright position when the drawer is fully extended from the housing. A semi-automatic opening device displaces the drawer from its retracted position to its extended position. In one embodiment, a battery operated drawer drive unit is releasably coupled with the housing and is selectively operable to displace the drawer between the retracted and extended positions thereof. The releasable coupling can include a lever pivotal to disengage from the drive unit, thus releasing the drawer for manual displacement between the retracted and extended positions thereof.